

By DENSMORE.]

[HOUSE FILE No. 305.—RAILROADS.]

A BILL

FOR AN ACT REQUIRING RAILROADS IN THE STATE OF IOWA TO ATTACH
AUTOMATIC COUPLERS AND POWER BRAKES TO FREIGHT CARS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :

SECTION 1. Every railroad company operating a line of railroad, or any portion of a line
2 of railroad, wholly or partially within this State shall place upon each and every freight car
3 and to be used by such company or corporation on such portion of their lines of railroad
4 that may be wholly or partially within this State ; such form or forms of automatic or
5 other safety cuppler or draw-bar at each end thereof ; also such automatic or safety power
6 brake as the board of railroad commissioners may prescribe after examination and test of
7 the same, and the said commissioners may amend any recommendation made by them.

SEC. 2. The provisions of this act may be enforced by the supreme judicial court on ap-
2 plication by the Attorney-General.

SEC. 3. So much of this act as relates to the examination and test of couplers and brakes
2 by the railroad commissioners shall take effect from and after its publication in Iowa State
3 Register and Des Moines Leader, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa, and all shall
4 have full effect on the first day of January, A. D. 1887.